

## Senate Resolution 858

By: Senator Jones of the 10th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Bishop Dr. Robert Lee Evans, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Robert Lee Evans, Sr., has helped transform countless lives during  
3 his many years as a minister; and

4 WHEREAS, a 1963 graduate of Morehouse College, Bishop Evans was first called to the  
5 ministry at age 33 and earned a master's in divinity degree in May, 1971, and a doctorate in  
6 ministry degree in 1982 from I.T.C. Seminary in Atlanta; and

7 WHEREAS, Bishop Evans received his first appointment as a pastor in 1983 at the St. Mark  
8 A.M.E. Church in Wadley, Georgia, and was later transferred to Jackson Chapel in  
9 Washington, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, he served the Greensboro area as a pastor at Ebenezer, Bethel, and Hudson  
11 Grove A.M.E. Churches and led the Hudson Grove congregation as it rebuilt after a  
12 devastating fire; and

13 WHEREAS, Bishop Evans was a pastor to the Fayetteville Circuit, consisting of Flipper  
14 Chapel, Holly Grove, and Flat Rock A.M.E., in 1989; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1990, Bishop Evans, realizing a need to better equip ministers for the work  
16 of the Gospel Ministry, helped found the Christian Theological Seminary, training  
17 approximately 15 ministers; and

18 WHEREAS, Bishop Evans was an integral part of the founding of the First Christian  
19 Community Episcopal Church in southwest Atlanta, where he served as pastor for 11 years  
20 before stepping down in 2002; today, he serves at the church as Bishop of First Christian  
21 Episcopal Community Church in northwest Atlanta; and

1 WHEREAS, outside of his venerable service as a minister, Bishop Evans was employed with  
2 Lockheed/Martin for several years before retiring in 2001, and he is a devoted family man  
3 to his wife of 50 years, Dorethea Daye Evans, their six children, 13 grandchildren, and five  
4 great-grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, living his life by the Golden Rule, Bishop Evans has helped so many over the  
6 years through his community service and his strong spiritual leadership.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
8 join in commending Bishop Dr. Robert Lee Evans, Sr., for his tireless service to the  
9 community and thank him for his many invaluable contributions to Georgia.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop Dr. Robert Lee Evans, Sr.